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## **NASA VISITOR CENTER EARTH DAY EVENTS**

The NASA Visitor Center at the Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Va., will hold its annual Earth Day celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 23.

### **Scheduled Programs:**

#### **10 a.m. “Life on Earth” Bingo**

Discover NASA’s involvement in helping us understand and protect our home planet through a fun and interactive game of bingo.

#### **11 a.m. “Puppets in Space”**

With help from Sam the monkey, puppet astronauts Jeff and Jenny talk about what it’s like to live and work in space. The puppets explain why astronauts need to wear a spacesuit, what they eat and how they use the bathroom. The 10-minute puppet show is followed by a short movie.

#### **11:30 a.m. Kites Program**

Construct, decorate and fly your own kite.

#### **12:30 a.m. Marsh Walk**

Learn why the salt marsh is much more than a smelly, mucky and buggy place. You will need appropriate "mucking" footwear for this visit into the marsh. Guide provided by Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

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**2 p.m. Reading of Dr. Seuss's "The Lorax"**

"I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees.  
I've come here to celebrate Earth Day, so please  
come join me and help spread the message I bring."

**2:30 p.m. "Secret Worlds: The Universe Within"**

This film begins 10 million light years from Earth and moves through space in powers of ten into the microscopic world.

**3 p.m. "Sun-Earth Connections"**

Celebrate the spring equinox by learning all about our sun and how it affects us on Earth. Following the presentation, children will make their very own functional sundial and UV detector.

**Ongoing Activities:**

**Make an Earth Day Flag**

Design and decorate your own earth day flag to be displayed in the Visitor Center.

**Wetland Scavenger Hunt**

Take a walk along the visitor center's salt marsh with a field study scavenger sheet to discover the beauty of the wetland. Draw pictures or describe with words the things you see, feel, hear and smell.

**Visitor Center Trash Pickup**

Receive a reward for helping us increase the environmental integrity of the visitor center's grounds. We'll provide the bag, you provide the trash.

All events and activities for Earth Day at the NASA Visitor Center are free. The Visitor Center is located on Rt. 175 about six miles from Rt. 13 and five miles from Chincoteague. For more information on Visitor Center events, please call (757) 824-2298.

For information about the Visitor Center on the Internet, visit

<http://www.wff.nasa.gov/vc>